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Nebraska's Terry Goods pushes for the finish with Illinois' Kevin Brooks at a close second in the Frank Cramer-university 4 X 800-meter relay at the Drake Relays Friday.

Men's track team wins relay at Drake

From Staff and Wire Reports

Nebraska's Robert "Speedy" Gonzales, Jean Verster, Regis Humphrey and Terry Goods held off a foursome from the University of Illinois to win the 3200-meter relay at the 78th Drake Relays Friday.

The relay, the men's first victory at Drake since 1985, was the only first place captured by the Nebraska men's and women's teams. The foursome finished in 7:18.15, only .6 seconds ahead of Illinois.

Other Huskers who placed during the two-day meet included:

Sophomore Jody Fischer second in the 3000-meter steeplechase behind Iowa State's Tim Wakeland, a Bellevue West graduate. Fischer ran an 8:57.2.

Verster finished third in the university-college 1500-meter run. Mark Perry also garnered a third-place finish in the university-college 100 with a hand-held time of 10.61

seconds.

Linetta Wilson captured fourth in the women's invitational 400-meter dash, and Michelle Milling finished fifth. Wilson ran a 51.97 and Milling, 52.39. Both times were personal bests.

Humphrey ran a 1:48.71 for a fifth-place finish in the special invitational 800.

Stephanie Thomas finished sixth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Seventh place finishes went to Sammie Resh in the women's 5000-meter run and Laura Wight in the 1500 invitational.

Nebraska women's relay teams placed fifth in the 3200-meter relay and third in the 4 X 100 relay.

In the field events, Sabrina Earnes placed fifth in women's javelin, and Rex Gerding was fifth in the discus. Kim Guthrie and Karen Kruger finished fourth and fifth in the long jump. Guthrie jumped 19-9 3/4 and Kruger, 19-8 1/2.

Goguen's pitching consistent

State support encouraged Californian's decision to be Husker

By Mark Derowitsch
Staff Reporter

Without the California alumni connections to the Nebraska baseball team, pitcher Phil Goguen probably never would have become a Cornhusker.

Goguen, a sophomore from San Diego, had heard of the Nebraska football team's reputation, he said, but really didn't know anything about the baseball team.

That changed, however, when Goguen took his recruiting trip to Lincoln.

During his trip, he noticed the support given to Husker athletics by Californians for Nebraska.

"When I first came here on my recruiting trip, I had no intention of coming out here," Goguen said. "I'd never really heard of their baseball team, and my high school coach did some research and told me they had a really good program and a winning tradition.

"I was really impressed with the facilities as well as Coach (John) Sanders himself. With the California background that surrounds the athletic

program, it kind of adds that home flavor to it," he said.

The Huskers almost lost Goguen, but not to another college, although he was heavily recruited by San Diego State.



Goguen

The St. Louis Cardinals drafted Goguen in the eighth round of the 1984 Major League draft. But since the Cardinals, unlike some Major League clubs, wouldn't pay for his schooling, he decided to get his education first, he

said. During his first season at Nebraska, Goguen was redshirted, but that year helped, he said.

"Coming out of high school I was still learning," Goguen said. "I started lifting weights, and I put on about 25 pounds. I also started working out with Phil Harrison, which helped me a lot."

Since the redshirt year, Goguen has been a consistent pitcher for Nebraska. In two years, he has compiled a 9-1 record, his only loss this season, against Oral Roberts. His earned run average this year is 3.57, the lowest of the Husker starters.

His best pitch, Sanders said, is the split-fingered fastball, which he developed after his junior year in high school.

"Phil has an outstanding split-fingered fastball and he does a great job with it," Sanders said. "He's learning, growing, maturing, and he pitches within his limitations.

"He throws the off-speed for strikes when he's behind in the count. He's gaining experience, which translates into success," Sanders said.

Knox run gives Reds scrimmage win; Osborne pleased with punters' play

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"The one thing that was a little disconcerting there," Osborne said, "was that the long touchdown pass to Jamie Worden came against the No. 1 defense."

In any case, the Reds were able to pull out the victory when Knox's touchdown ended an 86-yard drive late in the fourth quarter.

Osborne said that in the fall the

defensive secondary and offensive line will need to be improved. Those two areas were hit hardest by injuries in the spring and should be strengthened by the return of a number of injured players in the fall, Osborne said.

Osborne said the Cornhuskers' strengths lie in the skill positions and the defensive line.

As for the kicking game, Osborne said he was pleased with the perfor-

mance of the punters. John Kroeker, the returning punter, averaged 44.6 yards a kick on five punts, and Dante Wiley, who also plays linebacker, averaged 46.2 yards on five kicks.

"I think Wiley punted well today," Osborne said. "I was glad to see that because I have seen him do that in practice and I wanted to see him do that in a game."

Osborne said he would like to see some improvement in the team's place-kicking.



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Defensive tackle Neil Smith takes a break during the game to sign autographs.

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—Jones

"I fell good about (Chris) Drennan and I feel really good about (Gregg) Barrios," Osborne said. However, "neither one was able to do anything exceptional today."

The intensity and the close score of the scrimmage left both coaches and players looking optimistically toward the fall.

"The team all in all is so balanced, both offensively and defensively," Jones said, "and I think next season is going to be a phenomenal season for Big Red football."

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